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- 25X1X 1. [REDACTED] science is flourishing as much now May 1955/ in Hungary as it ever has. The State Technical Institute has been rebuilt in the "Buda" section of Budapest and many provincial cities are getting their own technical institutes. There does not appear to be a shortage of funds for scientific facilities and equipment. This is particularly significant when you consider the generally poor living conditions and low standard of living. In effect, science has apparently been placed above such basic things as food and shelter -- at least official government planning appears to place considerable emphasis on the country's scientific effort and continues to be indifferent to the average citizen's desire for better conditions.
- 25X1X 2. Based on the Hungarian scientific papers [REDACTED] they are doing some good solid work in the organic chemistry field. Biochemistry, on the other hand, appears to be mediocre or poor. Many of the pre-World War II organic chemists are publishing [REDACTED] sincere, truthful, solid material. There also appears to be very little collaboration, on the scientific level, between Hungary and the USSR or other satellites. However, [REDACTED] some scientists are shifted from country to country or go to the USSR on specific projects. As a matter of possible interest, practically all Hungarian scientists and even the average city citizen for that matter, speak excellent German.
- 25X1X 3. [REDACTED] the general programs for the 14th International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry to be held in Zurich, Switzerland from 21-27 Jul 55 and the 3rd International Congress of Biochemistry to be held in Brussels, Belgium from 1-6 Aug 55\*. [REDACTED] it's very likely that Hungarian chemists will be represented at one or both of these congresses.

On file in the CIA Library is a copy of

- (1) Second and final circular on the XIVth International Congress of Pure and Applied Chemistry covering Organic Chemistry to be held 21-27 Jul 55 in Zurich, Switzerland.
- (2) Program of the 3rd International Congress of Biochemistry to be held 1-6 Aug 55 in Brussels, Belgium.

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